

Critical Habitat for the Gulf Sturgeon

Critical habitat for the gulf sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus desotoi*) as defined in the Code of Federal Regulations Part 50 Part 226, revised as of March 19, 2003. There are 14 critical habitat units, of which 11 apply to Florida. Descriptions from the Federal Register are provided along with maps developed with information provided by the USFWS Panama City Field Office.

“Unit 3. Escambia River System in Santa Rosa and Escambia Counties, Florida and Escambia, Conecuh, and Covington Counties, Alabama

Unit 3 includes the . . . Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties, Florida. It includes the entire main stem of the Escambia River downstream to its discharge into Escambia Bay and Macky Bay, Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties, Florida. All of the distributaries of the Escambia River including White River, Little White River, Simpson River, and Dead River, Santa Rosa County, Florida are included. . . . The lateral extent of Unit 3 is the ordinary high water line on each bank of the associated lakes, rivers and shorelines.” See map below.

